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BANK ROBBER SENTENCED TO 101 MONTHS

TUCSON, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announced today that GARY LEE KNOPIK, age 45, of Tucson, Arizona, was sentenced to 101 months in prison and ordered to pay \$978.00 in restitution, by United States District Judge Raner C. Collins, in Tucson, Arizona.

On December 2 ,2000, the defendant entered the Bank One located at 7850 E. Speedway Blvd. in Tucson, Arizona. He handed the teller a note which demanded money. The defendant was given \$978.00 and fled the bank. The defendant was later apprehended in California. He was indicted by a federal grand jury in Tucson on May 9, 2001.

KNOPIK entered a plea of guilty on December 21, 2001.

The investigation in this case was conducted by Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The prosecution was handled by Sean C. Chapman, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

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